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CELSUS ON TOOTHACHE

℣/ Jose Rahola Sastre (Revista Española de Estomatologia 8:203-208, May-June 1960) analyzes the discussion of Celsus in De Re Medica concerning the treatment of dental disease. He gives three pages of the original Latin, with translation into Spanish in parallel columns.

ELECTRICITY IN DENTISTRY

℣/ J. A. Donaldson (British D. J. 109:121-131, August 16, 1960) has contributed an interesting article on "The Development of the Application of Electricity to Dental Surgery up to 1900." Dr. Donaldson deals successively with the applications of electricity in dentistry for cautery, for anesthesia, and for source of power. The history of the electromagnet mallet, electricity for heating syringes, for mouthlamp, for porcelain furnaces, for annealing gold foil, for electroplating, and cataphoresis are briefly traced. The article closes with a brief discussion of X-rays.

A HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN AMERICA

℣/ The Evolution of Dental Education (Ovid Bell Press, Inc., Fulton, Mo., 1960) is by John E. Gurley, a member of the AAHD. To make the title more descriptive the words "in America" should have been added, since dental education in America only is in view. The book is largely not a narrative account of the development of dental education, though there are two chapters on "The Dental Educational Council of America," and "Dental Faculties Association of American Universities." A great part of the book is occupied by excerpts from the writings of various dental educators giving their views on the ideals and objectives of dental education and other opinions. There is considerable material on which a history of dental education in America might be based rather than a coherent account of its development.

ALBÉRIC PONT, ORTHODONTIST

℣/ Annales Odonto-Stomatologiques (17, May-June 1960) is mostly devoted to Albéric Pont, famous French orthodontist and inventor of the Pont Index of arch form, who died this year at the age of ninety. There are articles by Roger Vincent, Maurice Chassignol, Paul Beyssac, and Jean Duclos. There is a bibliography of 113 items.

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DENTISTRY IN FLORIDA

F/ Helen S. Haines and Robert Thoburn have compiled a book on the History of Dentistry in Florida for the last 75 Years (University of Florida Press, Gainesville, 1960). Like most histories of dental societies this volume is more of a record than a connected history. The first three chapters are largely biographical; the fourth, fifth, and sixth chapters consist of chronological accounts of the meetings of the state and district societies and the Board of Examiners; chapter 7 deals with the Journal of the Florida State Dental Society; chapter 8 takes a look into the future; chapter 9 gives a membership roster; and there are two appendixes.

EARLY ARGENTINE DENTISTRY

F/ Diego B. Bagur has contributed a well-documented article entitled "La Odontología en Buenos Aires a Comienzos del Siglo XIX" to Revista de la Asociacion Odontologica Argentina 48:137-142, May 1960. It deals with the late eighteenth century and the first two decades of the nineteenth.

ROOT-SCREWS

F/ The development of the screw for removal of tooth roots is traced by J. G. A. van Oirschot in an article entitled "Historische Kanttekeningen de Wortelschroef" in Tijdschrift voor Tandheelkunde 67:547-556, July 1960. The account begins with the inventor of the screw, the Austrian dentist J. J. J. Serre, in 1803 and carries the story to the present. Much of the same material appears in J. F. Colyer's Old Instruments Used for Extracting Teeth, (London, New York, Staples Press, 1952).

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